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The Historical Tablets of Montreal

TO JACQUES CARTIER,
CELEBRATED NAVIGATOR OF ST. MALO.
DISCOVERED CANADA, AND NAMED
THE ST. LAWRENCE, 1534-1535.

Erected on front of City Hall,
Notre Dame Street, East.

THIS SITE WAS SELECTED AND
NAMED IN 1611, LA PLACE ROYALE, BY
SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN,
THE FOUNDER OF CANADA.

Erected on the west side of front door of the Custom House,
Place Royale and Common Street.

THE SEMINARY OF ST. SULPICE,
FOUNDED AT PARIS
BY MONSIEUR JEAN-JACQUES OLIER, 1641;
ESTABLISHED AT VILLE-MARIE, 1657;
MONSIEUR GABRIEL DE QUEYLUS,
SUPERIOR,
SEIGNEUR OF THE ISLAND OF MONTREAL,
1663.

Erected on the Gate of Seminary of St. Sulpice,
Notre Dame St., opposite Place d'Armes.

NEAR THIS SPOT,
ON THE 18th DAY OF MAY, 1642,
LANDED THE FOUNDERS OF MONTREAL,
COMMANDED BY PAUL DE CHOMEDY,
SIEUR DE MAISONNEUVE;
THEIR FIRST PROCEEDING WAS
A RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

Erected on the east side of front door of the Custom House,
Place Royale and Common Street.

HERE WAS THE
FORT OF VILLE-MARIE, FIRST DWELLING
PLACE OF THE FOUNDERS OF
VILLE-MARIE,
BUILT 1643, DEMOLISHED 1648.
REPLACED BY THE HOUSE
OF MONSIEUR DE CALLIÈRES, 1686.

Erected at the south corner Place d'Youville and Port Street.

HOTEL-DIEU DE VILLE-MARIE,
FOUNDED IN 1644 BY JEANNE MANCE.
TRANSFERRED IN 1861 TO THIS LAND,
GIVEN BY BENOIT AND GABRIEL BASSET.
REMOVAL OF THE REMAINS OF
JEANNE MANCE AND 178 NUNS, 1861.

Erected on the wall of Hôtel-Dieu, Pine Avenue.

NEAR THIS SQUARE,
AFTERWARDS NAMED LA PLACE D'ARMES,
THE FOUNDERS OF VILLE-MARIE
FIRST ENCOUNTERED THE IROQUOIS,
WHOM THEY DEFEATED;
PAUL CHOMEDY DE MAISONNEUVE,
KILLING THE CHIEF WITH HIS OWN HANDS,
30th MARCH, 1644.

Erected on the Royal Trust Building,
107 St. James Street.

CHEVALIER LOUIS D'AILLEBOUST
DE COULONGE, ONE OF THE CHIEF
DEFENDERS OF VILLE-MARIE, OF WHICH
HE WAS GOVERNOR, 1645-1647.
FOURTH GOVERNOR OF NEW FRANCE,
1648-1651.
DIED, 31st MAY, 1660.

Place of erection not yet decided, but to be somewhere on the
upper corner of the Custom House.

THIS BUILDING IS ERECTED
ON PART OF THE ORIGINAL CONCESSIONS
TO URBAIN TESSIER DIT LAVIGNE
BEING THE 2nd GRANT
MADE TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE
ISLAND OF MONTREAL ON
SEPTEMBER 10th, 1651.

Erected on the Royal Trust Building,
107 St. James Street.

HERE WAS THE FIRST
PARISH CHURCH OF VILLE-MARIE,
ERECTED 1656.

Erected on the building, 373 St. Paul Street.

THE FIRST PUBLIC SQUARE OF
MONTREAL, 1657,
LA PLACE DU MARCHÉ
GRANTED BY THE SEIGNEURS, 1676.

Erected on the Inland Revenue Building,
412 St. Paul Street.

NOTRE DAME DE BONSECOURS,
COMMENCÉE 1657.
INCENDIÉE 1754. RECONSTRUITE 1772.
RESTORÉE 1888.

Erected on Church, St. Paul Street,
foot of Bonsecours Street.

TO ADAM DOLLARD DES ORMEAUX
WHO, WITH 16 COLONISTS, 4 ALGONQUINS
AND 1 HURON,
SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AT THE FOOT
OF THE LONG SAULT OF THE OTTAWA,
MAY, 1660,
AND SAVED THE COLONY.

Erected in Dollard Lane, on side of building,
226 St. James Street.

HERE TRUDEAU,
ROULIER AND LANGEVIN-LACROIX
RESISTED 50 IROQUOIS,
6th MAY, 1662.

Erected at corner of St André and Lagauchetière Streets.,
465 Lagauchetière Street East.

HERE LIVED

ROBERT CAVELIER, SIEUR DE LA SALLE,

1668.

Erected at corner St. Peter and St. Paul Streets.
496 St. Paul Street.

THE CHATEAU DE VAUDREUIL
WAS BUILT OPPOSITE IN 1723, BY THE
MARQUIS DE VAUDREUIL,
GOVERNOR-GENERAL; RESIDENCE OF THE
MARQUIS DE VAUDREUIL-CAVAGNAL,
HIS SON, THE LAST GOVERNOR OF
NEW FRANCE.
MONTCALM, LEVIS, BOURLAMAQUE,
BOUGAINVILLE, SOJOURNED HERE.

Erected at corner St. Paul Street and
Jacques Cartier Square.

THE SECOND
PARISH CHURCH OF VILLE-MARIE,
BUILT 1672, DEDICATED 1678,
AND DEMOLISHED IN 1829,
OCCUPIED THE
MIDDLE OF NOTRE DAME ST.

Erected on the Seminary of St. Sulpice,
Seminary wall, Place d'Armes.

HERE STOOD, UNTIL 1866,
THE CHURCH AND MONASTERY OF THE
RECOLLET FATHERS, ERECTED IN 1692, IN
WHICH ALSO WORSHIPPED
THE ANGLICANS FROM 1764 TO 1789
AND THE PRESBYTERIANS
FROM 1791 TO 1792.

Erected at corner St. Helen and Notre Dame Streets,
230 Notre Dame Street.

IN 1675, HERE LIVED
DANIEL GRESOLON, SIEUR DULUTH,
ONE OF THE EXPLORERS OF THE UPPER
MISSISSIPPI;
AFTER WHOM THE CITY OF DULUTH
WAS NAMED.

Erected on east corner Notre Dame and St. Sulpice Streets.

HERE
MONSIEUR DE LAPRAIRIE
OPENED THE 1st PRIVATE SCHOOL IN
MONTREAL, 1683.

Erected on east corner Notre Dame and St. Sulpice Streets, 54 Notre Dame Street West.

SITE OF THE CHATEAU OF
LOUIS-HECTOR DE CALLIÈRES, GOVERNOR
OF MONTREAL, 1684, OF NEW FRANCE,
1698-1703.
HE TERMINATED THE 14 YEARS' IROQUOIS
WAR BY TREATY OF MONTREAL, 1701.

Erected on Ogilvie Flour Mills Co. Building,
16 Youville Place, corner Port Street.

CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME
FOUNDED BY MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS.
CONVENT BUILT 1686.
JEANNE LE BER LIVED HERE SOLITARY
FROM 1685 TO 1714.
THE CHAPEL WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1692.
RECONSTRUCTED IN 1769 AND 1823.

Erected on Notre Dame Street,
opposite St. Lawrence Boulevard.

HERE REST THE MORTAL REMAINS
OF FRANÇOIS THORONHIONGO, HURON,
BAPTIZED BY THE
RÉVÉREND PÈRE BRÉBŒUF.
HE WAS, BY HIS PIETY, AND BY HIS
PROBITY, THE EXAMPLE OF THE
CHRISTIANS, AND THE ADMIRATION OF
THE UNBELIEVERS;
HE DIED AGED ABOUT 100 YEARS,
21st OF APRIL, 1690.

Erected inside the Old Tower,
Grand Semimary.

HERE STOOD THE
CHURCH, CHAPEL AND RESIDENCE OF THE
JESUIT FATHERS, BUILT 1692,
OCCUPIED AS MILITARY HEADQUARTERS
1800, BURNED 1803.
CHARLEVOIX, LAFITAU, AMONG OTHERS
SOJOURNED HERE.
ON THE SQUARE IN FRONT, FOUR
IROQUOIS SUFFERED DEATH BY FIRE IN
REPRISAL, BY ORDER OF FRONTENAC,
1696.

Erected on the east corner of Court House.

IN 1694,
HERE STOOD THE HOUSE OF
LA MOTHE CADILLAC,
THE FOUNDER OF DETROIT,

Erected on Leeming Miles Co.'s Building,
1 Notre Dame Street, West.

HERE REST THE MORTAL REMAINS OF
MARIE-THÉRÈSE GANNENSAGORAS
OF THE CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME.
AFTER HAVING EXERCISED DURING
13 YEARS, THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL
MISTRESS AT THE MOUNTAIN, SHE DIED
IN REPUTATION OF GREAT VIRTUE,
AGED 28 YEARS,
ON THE 25th OF NOVEMBER, 1695.

Erected in the Old Tower, Grand Seminary,
Sherbrooke Street, West.

FRANÇOIS DOLLIER DE CASSON,
FIRST HISTORIAN OF MONTREAL,
CAPTAIN UNDER MARSHAL DE TURENNE,
THEN PRIEST AT ST. SULPICE
DURING 35 YEARS.
HE DIED IN 1701, CURÉ OF THE PARISH.

Erected on the wall of Seminary of St. Sulpice,
opposite 71 Notre Dame Street, West.

CHATEAU DE RAMEZAY
BUILT ABOUT 1705 BY CLAUDE DE RAMEZAY
GOVERNOR OF MONTREAL, 1703.
HEADQUARTERS OF
LA COMPAGNIE DES INDES, 1754.
OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE BRITISH
GOVERNORS AFTER THE CONQUEST.
HEADQUARTERS OF THE
AMERICAN ARMY 1775, AND OF THE
SPECIAL COUNCIL, 1837 TO 1841.

Erected on the Château de Ramezay,
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OF THE FLEET OF

SIR HOVENDEN WALKER ON THE

ISLE-AUX-ŒUFS, 22nd AUGUST, 1711.

Erected on Convent of the Congregation of Notre Dame, head of St. Lawrence Boulevard.

THE PÈRE CHARLEVOIX

HISTORIAN OF LA NOUVELLE FRANCE,

1725.

Erected on the east corner Court House.

THE RESIDENCE OF THE
MARQUIS DE CHARTIER DE LOTBINIÈRE,
ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF OF NEW FRANCE,
1755.
HE FORTIFIED TICONDEROGA AND
ISLE-AUX-NOIX.
ON HIS ADVICE, MONTREAL ATTACKED
FORT WILLIAM HENRY, IN 1757, AND
AWAITED THE ENGLISH AT TICONDEROGA
IN 1758.

Erected on No. 47 St. Francis Xavier,
opposite St. Sacrament Street.

"RECOLLETS GATE;"
BY THIS GATE AMHERST TOOK POSSESSION,
8 SEPT., 1760.
GEN'L HULL, U. S. ARMY,
25 OFFICERS, 350 MEN ENTERED
PRISONERS OF WAR, 10 SEPT., 1812.

Erected on northwest corner Notre Dame
and McGill Streets

HERE LIVED
THE CHEVALIER LUC DE CHAPT,
SIEUR DE LA CORNE AND DE ST-LUC.
SOLE SURVIVOR
OF THE SHIPWRECK OF AUGUST, 1761.
SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN BOTH THE
FRENCH AND ENGLISH ARMIES.
HE EXERCISED A GREAT INFLUENCE
OVER THE INDIAN TRIBES.
DIED 1st MARCH 1817.

Proposed erection corner St Paul Street and Place Royale.

IN 1773 THIS CHATEAU WAS
THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN
BRIGADIER-GENERAL WOOSTER, AND
HERE IN 1776, UNDER
GENERAL BENEDICT ARNOLD
THE COMMISSIONERS OF CONGRESS,
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, SAMUEL CHASE AND
CHARLES CARROLL OF CARROLTON,
HELD COUNCIL.

Erected on Château de Ramezay, 186 Notre Dame Street, East.

HERE STOOD
THE FIRST SYNAGOGUE OF CANADA,
ERECTED 1777, A. M. 5537.
ERECTED BY THE
SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE JEWISH
CONGREGATION.
"SHEARITH ISRAEL" FOUNDED 1768.

Erected on building
No. 2, west end Court House Square.

HERE STOOD
BEAVER HALL, BUILT 1800, BURNED 1848;
MANSION OF JOSEPH FROBISHER,
ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF
THE NORTH WEST COMPANY, WHICH
MADE MONTREAL FOR YEARS,
THE FUR-TRADING CENTRE OF AMERICA.

Erected on Shareholder Building,
27 Beaver Hall Hill.

TO THE HON. JOHN MOLSON,
THE FATHER OF STEAM NAVIGATION
ON THE ST. LAWRENCE, WHO LAUNCHED
THE STEAMER "ACCOMMODATION"
FOR MONTREAL AND QUEBEC SERVICE,
1809.

Erected on Molson's Brewery
906 Notre Dame Street, East.

SITE OF
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
THE 1st ANGLICAN CHURCH 1814,
BURNT 1856.

Erected on No. 5 Notre Dame Street, West.

SITE OF THE FIRST
ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECEDED FROM ST. GABRIELS, 1831
UNDER THE REV. EDWARD BLACK, D. D.
EDIFICE ABANDONED 1868.

Erected on No. 26 St. Helen Street,
Corner of Recollet Street.

"THE PAPINEAU HOUSE."
SIX OF THEIR GENERATIONS HAVE
DWELT HERE.

Erected on No. 20 Bonsecours Street.

"FORRETIÈRE HOUSE,"
HERE GENERAL MONTGOMERY
AND HIS OFFICERS RESIDED DURING
THE WINTER OF 1775-76.

Erected on south-east corner Notre Dame and St. Peter Streets
158 Notre Dame Street, west.

THIS STREET
WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF
SIR GUY CARLETON, LORD DORCHESTER,
COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH FORCES,
AND PRESERVER OF THE COLONY
DURING THE AMERICAN INVASION, 1775-76;
TWICE GOVERNOR OF CANADA,
AND BY WHOM THE QUEBEC ACT 1774
WAS OBTAINED.

This tablet was erected at the corner Dorchester and Bleury Streets.
The original building was demolished and tablet is missing.

TO SIMON FRASER,

AGENT OF THE NORTH-WEST COMPANY,

DISCOVERER OF THE FRASER RIVER,

1808.

Tablet not yet erected.

HERE LIVED,

1760-1824, ALEXANDER HENRY,

THE TRAVELLER,

AUTHOR AND FUR-TRADER.

This tablet was originally placed on the west side of a house near the foot of St. Urbain Street.
The building however has since been demolished and tablet is missing.

SITE OF THE HOUSE
OF GENERAL RALPH BURTON,
SECOND GOVERNOR OF MONTREAL, 1763.
HE EXECUTED ON THE
PLAINS OF ABRAHAM, AT WOLFE'S DYING
COMMAND, THE MILITARY OPERATION
WHICH FINALLY DECIDED THE DAY.

Originally erected on St. Paul Street, opposite Bonsecours Market.
The building has since been demolished and tablet is missing.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON OF
JOHNSON HALL ON THE MOHAWK RIVER,
THE CELEBRATED SUPERINTENDENT
OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
AND FIRST AMERICAN BARONET,
COMMANDED THE INDIAN ALLIES WITH
AMHERST'S ARMY IN 1760.
TO THEM WAS ISSUED,
IN COMMEMORATION, THE BRITISH
MONTREAL MEDAL.
HERE STOOD THE HOUSE OF HIS SON,
SIR JOHN JOHNSON,
INDIAN COMMISSIONER.

Originally erected on Bonsecours Market,
and tablet is missing.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL
THOMAS GAGE, SECOND IN COMMAND
UNDER AMHERST;
FIRST BRITISH GOVERNOR OF MONTREAL,
1760, AFTERWARDS LAST BRITISH
GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1775.

Building demolished. Proposed re-erection on Dalhousie Square Fire Station.

MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES MURRAY,
BRIGADE COMMANDER UNDER WOLFE
AT QUEBEC, 1759, AND AFTERWARDS
FIRST BRITISH GOVERNOR OF CANADA,
ENCAMPED ON THIS PLATEAU
WITH THE SECOND DIVISION OF
AMHERST'S ARMY UPON THE SURRENDER
OF MONTREAL AND OF ALL CANADA,
8th SEPTEMBER, 1760.

Erected at the corner of Sherbrooke Street and Park Avenue, tablet is now missing.

THIS TABLET IS ERECTED
TO COMMEMORATE THE ENCAMPMENT
NEAR THIS SPOT
OF THE BRITISH ARMY UNDER
MAJOR-GENERAL SIR JEFFREY AMHERST,
AND THE CLOSING EVENT IN
THE CONQUEST OF CAPE BRETON AND
CANADA,
BY THE SURRENDER OF MONTREAL AND
WITH IT LA NOUVELLE FRANCE,
8th SEPTEMBER, 1760.

Erected on the front walls Collège de Montréal grounds, Sherbrooke St., West. Tablet missing.

HERE LIVED THE FAMILY OF
DANIEL-HYACINTH-MARIE LIENARD
DE BEAUJEU, THE HERO
OF THE MONONGAHELA, AT WHICH BATTLE
WASHINGTON WAS AN OFFICER
IN THE ARMY DEFEATED.

Corner of St. Antoine and St. Margaret Sts. Building demolished; tablet missing.

HERE WAS THE RESIDENCE OF
CHARLES LE MOYNE, ONE
OF THE COMPANIONS OF MAISONNEUVE.
AMONG HIS CHILDREN,
CHARLES, FIRST BARON OF LONGUEUIL;
JACQUES, SIEUR DE STE. HELENE;
PIERRE, SIEUR D'IBERVILLE;
PAUL, SIEUR DE MARICOUR;
FRANCOIS-MARIE, SIEUR DE BIENVILLE, I;
JOSEPH, SIEUR DE SERIGNY;
FRANCOIS-MARIE, SIEUR DE SAUVALLE;
JEAN-BAPTISTE, SIEUR DE BIENVILLE, II;
GABRIEL, SIEUR D'ASSIGNY;
ANTOINE, SIEUR DE CHATEAUGUAY;
RENDERED THE COLONY ILLUSTRIOUS.

Proposed erection J. G. MacKenzie and Co's Store,
St. Paul St., just east of Custom House Square. Not yet erected.

NEAR TO THIS PLACE,
RAPHAEL-LAMBERT CLOSSE,
FIRST TOWN MAJOR OF VILLE-MARIE,
FELL BRAVELY DEFENDING SOME
COLONISTS ATTACKED BY IROQUOIS,
6th FEBRUARY, 1662.
IN HIS HONOR, ST. LAMBERT HILL
RECEIVED ITS NAME.

South corner St. Lawrence Boulevard and St. James Street.
Building demolished and tablet missing.

THIS SQUARE OCCUPIES THE SITE
OF "LA CITADELLE" BUILT IN 1685,
REPLACING THE MILL ERECTED BY
MAISONNEUVE AND D'AILLEBOUST IN 1660.
ROYAL BATTERY 1723. LEVELLED
AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY BY EARL
DALHOUSIE, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, 1821
NEAR THE EAST CORNER OF NOTRE DAME
STREET STOOD THE PORTE ST-MARTIN
(QUEBEC GATE). ETHAN ALLAN
ENTERED IT PRISONER OF WAR, 1775.
THIS STATION REPLACED THE FRENCH
ARSENAL REMOVED 1881, WITH THE LAST
PORTION OF THE FORTIFICATION
WALLS IN 1721.

Proposed for the Place Viger Depot, Craig Street West.
Tablet not yet erected.

THE RESIDENCE OF

THE HONORABLE JAMES McGILL,

FOUNDER OF McGILL UNIVERSITY,

1734-1813.

Store of the Compagnie des Indes.
This building has been demolished and tablet is missing.

THE STONE FORTIFICATIONS
OF VILLE-MARIE EXTENDED FROM
DALHOUSIE SQUARE THROUGH THIS SITE
TO McGILL STREET, THEN OVER TO
COMMISSIONERS STREET, ALONG THE
LATTER TO THE BEFOREMENTIONED
SQUARE.
BEGUN 1721, BY CHAUSSEGROS DE LERY,
DEMOLISHED 1817.

Tablet not yet erected. Proposed site Bank of Montreal, 109 St. James Street.

UPON THIS FOUNDATION STOOD
THE FIRST MANOR HOUSE OF MONTREAL
BUILT 1657, BURNED 1852, REBUILT 1853.
WAS THE SEMINARY OF ST. SULPICE
FROM 1661 TO 1712,
RESIDENCE OF DE MAISONNEUVE,
GOVERNOR OF MONTREAL, AND OF
PIERRE RAIMBAULT, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL.

Tablet not yet erected. Proposed site, Frothingham and Workman Building, 395 St. Paul Street.

THE SITE OF

A LARGE INDIAN VILLAGE CLAIMED

TO BE THE TOWN OF HOCHELAGA,

VISITED BY JACQUES CARTIER

IN 1535.

Metcalfe Street, near Sherbrooke Street.
Building upon which this tablet was placed has been demolished and tablet is missing.